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COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 80-51

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke at request of County Executive

Legislative Day No. 80-18

Date June 17, 1980

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article V of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, Budget and Finance, by repealing and re-enacting Section 520 thereof, titled, Limitations on Expenditures, which provides that any contract, lease or other obligation in excess of \$3,000.00 requiring the payment of funds from the appropriations of a later fiscal year shall be authorized by legislative act, and, hence, that contracts of less than \$3,000.00 do not require legislative authorization; and to further provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for the adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, June 17, 1980

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: July 15, 1980

at: 6:30 p.m.

By Order: Angela D. Markinich, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter a public hearing was held on July 15, 1980 and concluded on July 15, 1980.

Angela D. Markinich, Secretary

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County,*
2 *Maryland,* that Article V, Section 520 of the Charter of Harford
3 County, Maryland, titled, Budget and Finance, subtitled,
4 Limitations on Expenditures, be, and it is hereby repealed and
5 re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:

6 Section 520. Limitations on Expenditures.

7 No expenditures of County funds shall be made or authorized
8 in excess of the available unencumbered appropriations therefor.
9 Nothing in this Charter shall prevent the making of contracts
10 providing for the payment of funds at a time beyond the fiscal
11 year in which such contracts are made, provided the nature of
12 such transactions reasonably requires the making of such contracts.
13 Any contract, lease, or other obligation IN EXCESS OF THREE
14 THOUSAND DOLLARS requiring the payment of funds from the
15 appropriations of a later fiscal year shall be authorized by
16 legislative act.

17 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted,* that before this Act
18 becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a Referendum
19 of the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance
20 with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at
21 the General Election to be held in November of 1980. There shall
22 be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this
23 election the title of this Act, and underneath the title, on
24 separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the
25 words, "For _____", and a corresponding square or box to the
26 right of and opposite the words, "Against _____", so that each
27 voter of the County may designate his or her decision for or
28 against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes
29 cast in the election are "For _____", the provisions of this Act
30 shall become effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) day
31 following the election, but if a majority of the votes cast in
32 the election are "Against _____", the provisions of this Act
33 shall be of no effect and null and void.

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1 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that subject to the
2 provisions of Section 2 herein, and for the sole purpose of
3 providing for the Referendum therein required, this Act shall
4 take effect on the date it becomes law.

5 EFFECTIVE: Subject to the provisions of this Bill,
6 December 5, 1980

7 *The Secretary of the Council does hereby*
8 *certify that fifteen (15) copies of this bill*
9 *are immediately available for distribution to*
10 *the public and the press.*

11 *Angela Markowski*
12 Secretary
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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed LSD 80-23 (August 12, 1980) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~~~Failed XXXX Passage XXX~~

By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 13th day of August, 1980
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

William Barranger
County Executive
Date August 14, 1980

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned
to the Council, becomes law on August 14, 1980, for the purpose
of providing for Referendum therein required and subject to the
provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

Angela Markowski
Angela Markowski
Secretary of the Council

This Act, having been approved by a majority of the voters of
Harford County, voting on the amendment (Question C) to the Charter
of Harford County, Maryland, in General Election on November 4, 1980,
stands effective December 5, 1980.

Angela Markowski
Secretary of the Council